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CANBERRA FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB

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SUBJ: VISIT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB TO MALAYSIA

1. MFA UNDER SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS MON JAMALUDDIN TOLD DCM MAY TWENTY-ONE THAT PRIME MINISTER WILL WANT TO DISCUSS WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB USG POSITION ON MEMBERSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL TIN COUNCIL AND USG CURRENT POLICIES ON US TIN AND RUBBER STOCKPILE DISPOSALS. PM WILL ALSO REQUEST USG SUPPORT IN IMF ON FINANCING INTERNATIONAL TIN BUFFER STOCK AND WILL EXPLAIN MALAYSIAN-SPONSORED RUBBER PRICE STABILIZATION SCHEME. JAMALUDDIN SAYS PM MUST RAISE THESE ITEMS BECAUSE OF THEIR IMPORTANCE LOCALLY AND BECAUSE PM WILL BE ASKED FOLLOWING MEETING IF THESE ITEMS DISCUSSED BETWEEN HIMSELF AND HABIB.

2. WE BELIEVE PM WILL USE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN RUBBER PRICE STABILIZATION SCHEME WITHOUT ASKING FOR USG SUPPORT IN PRESENT FORMATIVE STAGE. WE WILL BRIEF HABIB ON SCHEME UPON ARRIVAL KL.

3. HABIB SHOULD BE PREPARED TO STATE USG POSITIONS ON ITC MEMBERSHIP, STOCKPILE DISPOSALS, AND SUPPORT IN IMF. REQUEST DEPARTMENT FURNISH GUIDANCE.

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